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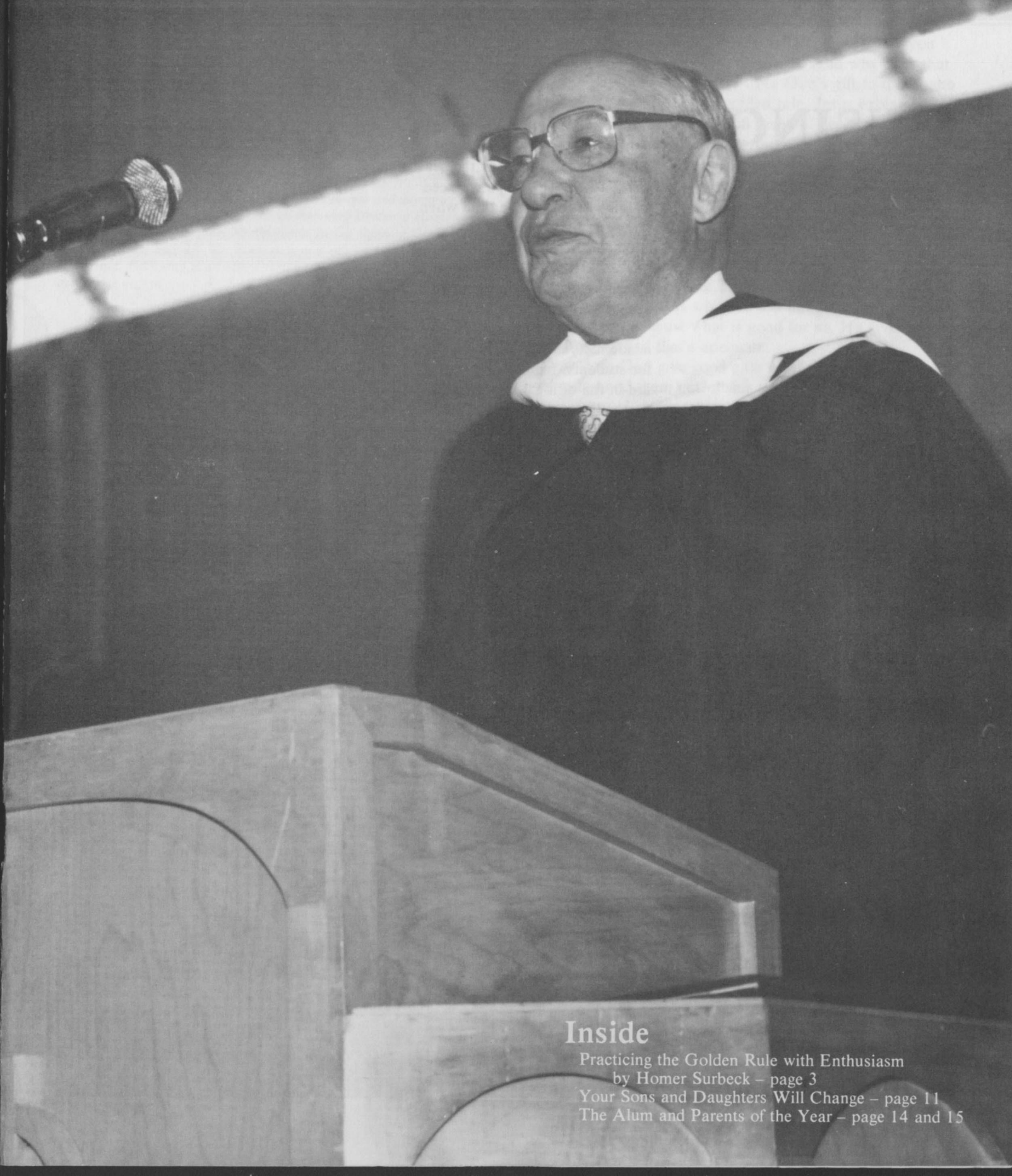
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Often times we are tempted to think of fall as the season when things die and spring as the season of rebirth. But perhaps we need to think of fall as the time when things mature, when time is taken to strengthen and nourish one's self for the coming season. That is, after all, what happens at college.

This fall, as we begin the 1980-81 academic year, new experiences for students, faculty and staff are in the offing – experiences that will shape the rest of our lives.

In this issue we introduce to you our new faculty and staff members. Each of these people will play integral parts in the life of the college.

We have an edited version of a talk by Dr. Harold Heie, Rev. Jerry Sittser and Mr. Jim Vandermeulen, presented to parents during their orientation meeting. We are reminded of the newness of experiences for both parents and students as college becomes a key in their development.

We bring you The Classic with a new editor and new assistant editor, as Janine Calsbeek has left the staff.

And, we bring to you Homer Surbeck's opening convocation speech where he urges us to practice the golden rule with enthusiasm, "Therefore whatsoever ye would that men do unto ye, do it unto them".

It's a new beginning for us all. Each day offers us the freedom to celebrate our newness in Christ. Each day we are urging our students to understand how this newness can be incorporated into all of their lives causing them to make a difference in the world.

Bonnie Jorgenson

I have recently met a score of people whose smiles and handshakes gave life to the word "welcome." A recent college graduate, I have heard many chapel speeches, dorm and lounge talks on Christian fellowship. I've heard it is to be modeled after the fellowship – the giving and caring – of Jesus and the apostles.

Feeling "at home," whether at college or in an apartment not far from one's parents, is not so much a matter of location or decor. Rather, I find that Christian friendship – a genuine sharing – determines that "at home" feeling. College freshmen are easily homesick, not only for the Colorado mountains or rainforests of the Pacific Northwest, but mostly for the love that daily touched them. That love cannot be packed in a suitcase. But seeds can.

Each Christian facing a new situation carries with him seeds – seeds of the love of Christ, of parents, of former friends. These seeds are cultured by handshakes, smiles, greetings and little words of encouragement. They are easily sown in other people and soon blossom into a garden of fellowship.

New to Northwestern's campus, I look forward to new contacts and new friends. God wants me to share my garden, and in little words of others I read the message, "Welcome to ours."

Lavonne Nannenga

PRACTICING HIS GOLDEN RULE WITH ENTHUSIASM

By L. Homer Surbeck

Leighton Homer Surbeck, noted New York lawyer and supporter of Christian higher education, received an honorary Doctor of Humanitarian Services Degree from Northwestern during Opening Convocation on Wednesday, Aug. 27. Mr. Surbeck is now retired and living in California. Following is an edited version of his response upon presentation of the degree.

Is it possible for a Christian to be successful materially as well as spiritually in this pagan world? The answer is yes – if you choose the right values for yourself. Let me share some values with you that I think are helpful.

You've heard the saying, "every honest best effort towards a purpose beyond self pays off handsomely." Why "best effort?" It is only with best efforts that we grow into our potential. Why "beyond self" for no purpose? Because to be successful you have to be wanted. The only way you are wanted everywhere is to be useful. And why does that always "pay off handsomely?" It's God's gift to those who ask him, by practicing His golden rule. Jesus explained it this way: "Ask, and you will receive. Seek, you will find. Knock, it will be opened unto you."

Why? Well, if you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven know how to give good gifts to those who ask Him? How do we give good gifts to our children? We don't give exactly what the child asks for because often the child doesn't know what is good for him or her. We give what's good for them and that's adequate. That's what God does for us. He doesn't always give us what we ask for. Like little children, we don't always know what is good for us. He gives us what it good, and that's adequate.

How does God give good gifts when He isn't here in person to hand them out? Jesus explained that in this verse: "Therefore, whatsoever ye would that men do to you, do ye even so unto them." That's the golden rule. Every

Opening Convocation, Aug. 27, 1980, the speaker's platform.





Top left, Homer Surbeck and his wife, Margaret, chat with Board of Trustee Chairman Bob Hoogveen. Bottom right, the audience at opening convocation.

practice by you of the golden rule with enthusiasm automatically causes you to forget self for the moment and starts you thinking about others. That opens up the line to God's help and guidance.

Every practice by you of the golden rule with enthusiasm leads one way or another to tangible gifts, often by the most unexpected times, ways, and sources. God somehow motivates others to take steps that will bring to our realization our fondest hopes and expectations. Maybe not the way we expect but in God's form. It's adequate.

I first came on this great principle in my youth. My father got me, of all things, a coaster wagon. But he observed when I played with other children almost always he'd see that other kid riding or steering while I pushed the wagon. Now, that bothered my father. He was brought up on the need to assert one's rights. So my father told me if I didn't have the gumption to ride and steer while someone pushed I'd never make it in the business world. He reprimanded me and said, "Look, don't you realize this is your wagon? You are the only one who has the right to sit in it. Now then, when you play with others let them push, you ride and steer. Can't you understand?"

I guess I did. I found when I played with others I couldn't ride and steer all the time. Most often I had to start by pushing, while someone else rode. Then I made two discoveries that changed the whole course of my life. First I discovered that whenever I pushed that wagon I had the secret feeling of being imposed on. Pushing that wagon was a cross so heavy I could hardly bear it. I tired quickly and was miserable and unhappy. But the moment I began to push that wagon with enthusiasm, my heart in it, it was no cross at all. I forgot about self and began sharing

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in the joy and comfort my pushing of that wagon brought to other children. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale says, "positive thinking and enthusiasm makes the difference." They do make the difference between a life suffered under imaginary crosses making self and everybody unhappy and a life filled with joy and enthusiasm sharing in the comfort and joy we can bring others.

This works under the most hazardous circumstances. Victor Frankl, a famed Viennese psychiatrist, was a faithful Jew who was put in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. Frankl observed, right there in the camp, that those who went around with a helping hand, smile and kind word, somehow found meaning and purpose. They overcame much of the frustration of being there. The reason this works is because God is present in the mind and spirit

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of each one. He may be likened to a loving Father, who will counsel, help, love and advise, but who always rewards for good conduct and who always has to correct and discipline.

To implement His love and help and guidance to you, God literally shares with you individually and personally from moment to moment His own response to your innermost thoughts and feeling. There are times when you and I are going one way and God’s going another. He can’t get a word in edgewise because we stick to our notions. Then He lets us go our course and reap what we have sown. Other times when you and I come to our wits end, we let go and turn to God in prayer. Then He puts an idea in our minds. We try it; it works. We claim it, but it came from God. And, sometimes God is really pleased with our choice of thoughts. He shares with us the joy. This joy within you is what makes you happy. Other times when God is not pleased with our choice of thoughts He shares His displeasure with us. This makes us unhappy. There’s no answer to that unhappiness like a willingness to do what God requires. Jesus said, “Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires. He will satisfy them fully.”

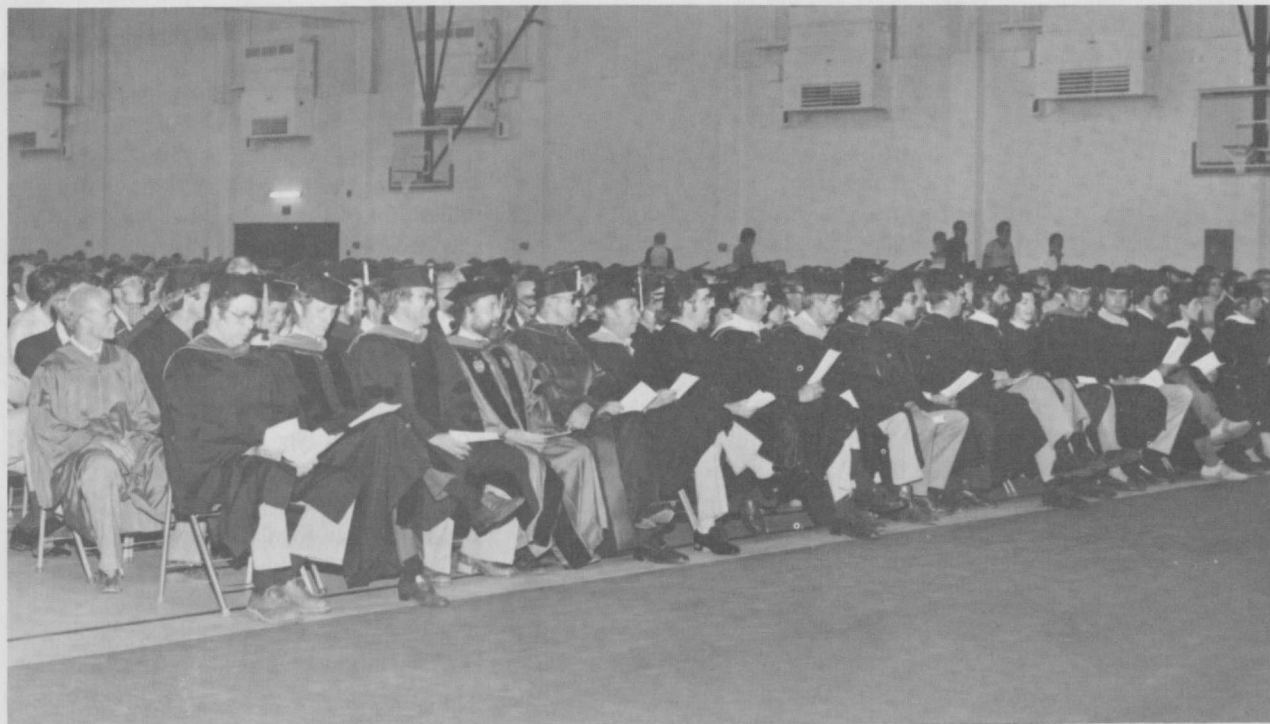
He said, “In order that my joy might remain in you and your joy be complete I give you one more commandment. That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” Can you imagine any more tangible manifestation by you of God’s

love for another than your practice of His golden rule with enthusiasm? That’s what Jesus taught by example. He got down on His knees and washed the feet of the disciples. He said, “For I show you an example so that you should do what I have done. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.” You’re looking for happiness – then, what do you do? Ask God for it. How? Jesus said, practicing His golden rule with enthusiasm.

I learned another thing from the wagon story. Material as well as spiritual values follow practicing the golden rule. After I’d been pushing that coaster wagon for a while with enthusiasm, not always, but just often enough, some thing would motivate that other kid to want to push while I rode and steered. And you know something? Sometimes he pushed me farther than I pushed him.

The way God delivers on his promises of tangible gifts for those who ask Him by practicing His golden rule with enthusiasm is by the most unexpected times, ways and sources.

God motivates others over whom we have no control to take a step that will bring in the realization of our fondest hopes; maybe not the time or place we expect, but in God’s world. That’s adequate. It’s been my experience all through life. I haven’t gone far but let me tell you – every inch I’ve gone I’ve been lifted up and carried on by others because I’ve tried to practice that principle.



NORTHWESTERN IN THE THIRTIES

By Nella Kennedy



Northwestern girls in bloomers? A Northwestern bus with seats taken from the dump? Northwestern faculty marching in the first Tulip Festival parade with borrowed academic gowns?

It's all part of Northwestern's illustrious past, according to Mrs. Fern Smith Rowenhorst. She's full of anecdotes from her years as instructor at Northwestern Junior College, where she began teaching in 1928, the first year of the expansion of the classical academy. Now that the centennial celebrations are already being planned, it is appropriate to turn to just one page of Northwestern's history, especially when interpreted by someone who has meant so much to this institution.

Mrs. Rowenhorst recalls those years with fondness. There was a great deal of cohesion and purpose among the faculty, enthusiasm among the students, and solid interaction between both.

They were difficult years, however, because of financial problems. The school seemed always to be "on trial." Northwestern had to excel academically to maintain North Central Accreditation and had to constantly prove its right of existence to the town, to the supporting churches and to the General Synod of the Reformed Church. A plea

was made at General Synod, and some of its members (dubbed "the wise men from the East") came to inspect Northwestern Junior College. But even though those sages approved of the institution, gaining financial support remained very hard work.

One year President Jacob Heemstra approached the faculty and told them, with his characteristic frankness, that he didn't know what to do: "I have just so much money, and we have coal to buy; we have the lights to pay for." The faculty discussed various options, including closing the school, but decided to go on, pay the bills, and do without their salaries. They did receive a small sum then, and the rest in bonds some years later.

Most of the students attributed their ability to attend college to the Government Work Program for students. Students could apply for financial aid, and, if qualifications were met, would be assigned to school related jobs. All janitorial maintenance work was done by students as well as many "created" jobs. The money earned (paid by the government) was then applied as payment on tuition accounts. At times as many as 120 students were active on the government sponsored work

programs.

Students were also devoted to the school. On the annual "Campus Day" all students helped clean the premises – scrubbing woodwork, washing windows, tidying up the grounds. At noon everyone picnicked outside, then got involved in some sports activity. "Campus Day" was one of the students' favorite days.

Mrs. Rowenhorst is also quite adamant about the students' liking for chapel. It was not compulsory, but very few would consider skipping. Faculty chapels were especially popular, an indication of the close faculty/student relationships. It was considered important to gather together to be informed of campus happenings, and to worship.

During these early years numerous students commuted from nearby towns. In the third or fourth year of the junior college, the college bought a bus and picked up students in Sioux Center, Hull and Boyden, and later Sheldon. Dr. Heemstra firmly believed that the college would only grow if it provided a dormitory. So despite some resistance, Northwestern Junior College bought a two-story house near the post office. Then, two years later, Dykstra Hall was purchased; the students roomed upstairs

and dined in the basement.

Now and then the staff would run into some opposition from parents about matters of practice. The word "dance" was anathema to many, so square dances were called "sock-hops" and dances in the operettas were called "drills." Mrs. Rowenhorst recalls a blizzardy evening when students could not go home – so they "sock-hopped" in the gym. A father complained about his son planning to play a waltz in chapel. President Heemstra settled the matter by stating a rose is neither secular or sacred, but a thing of beauty.

In 1932 Mrs. Rowenhorst created another stir when she replaced the gymnastics bloomers – wide trousers gathered with elastic below the knee – with something more daring. No one objected as long as the girls stayed in gymnastics class, but their proposed performance for that year's anniversary pageant caused some concern. The administration considered the bloomers more fitting apparel for the pageant. There was a bit of struggle, according to Mrs. Rowenhorst, but the girls were allowed to wear the gysuits.

Mrs. Rowenhorst began a junior college choir, which started with 16 people and grew to 72. During the first year they made a trip to South Dakota for a radio broadcast, riding in the famous bus, "The Old Diamond Tee." The seats were so uncomfortable that students replaced them with seats found in old cars in the dump. Other students decided that "The Old Diamond Tee" looked too much like a hearse, so they ripped out the curtains, an act which led to their prompt expulsion from school. Transportation subsequently evolved from the use of school buses to chartered buses.

From the middle of March through the middle of May, for 25 years, the choir sang in a church every Sunday night. They also toured during the last week of April and the first week of May, going as far as Cleveland. Dr. Heemstra, who worked untiringly for recognition of the junior college, stated that the Reformed Church finally began to accept Northwestern because of the choir. Favorable comments generated upon hearing and seeing the students convinced General Synod of Northwestern's right to exist.

Mrs. Rowenhorst taught as much as

29 hours a week. She assigned a group leader to each section in the choir, and each would practice separately before coming together as a group. This gave her time for other activities, which included teaching theory courses and directing six operettas. She directed the college band as well, which in the late 1930's got their own uniforms. The students did not like their caps, however, and nicknamed them "monkey caps." In the early years she directed the operettas, and she also had to work with the small orchestra (three very good violinists, she recalls). Special

curtains were made for the chapel stage, but nothing could be done to have good lighting (footlights across the front of the stage were inadequate).

But she had reached the point in which she felt clearly stretched too thinly and something had to give. With much regret she gave up the operettas, and concentrated on choir, band and theory courses. After World War II Mrs. Rowenhorst moved out of the music area and devoted herself to building up an art department at the junior college. But that is another story on another page . . .



Top left, the junior college buses and students. Right, from top to bottom, the first uniforms of the junior college band (1935) and the college choir, 1930.

New Faces

By Lavonne Nannenga

JAMES VANDERMEULEN – DEAN OF STUDENT LIFE

James Vandermeulen takes on the responsibilities of dean of student life – “student development,” in his words.

Vandermeulen served as assistant dean of students and director of housing at Barrington College. He also taught at Wheaton College, Ill. His most recent position was director of administrative services/personnel at Tyndale House Publishers in Wheaton, Ill.

Vandermeulen will be responsible for working with resident living, inter-collegiate and intermural athletics, admissions and some counseling functions.



LOREN PEMBERTON – ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

Loren Pemberton, a 1980 graduate from Davenport, has joined the admissions counseling staff. Having attended Concordia College in Milwaukee for two years, Pemberton transferred to NW to receive his degree in sociology. He was active in the student senate and served as resident assistant.

Responsibilities for Pemberton include traveling and recruiting students from eastern Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana.



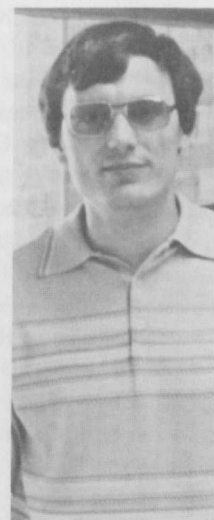
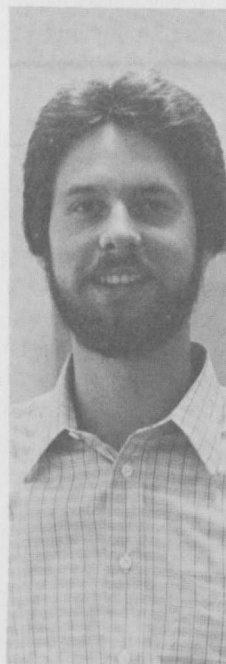
TOM VANDER ZOUWEN – COMPUTER SCIENCE

As instructor of computer science, Tom Vander Zouwen comes to the campus from Jenison, Mich. Vander Zouwen graduated from Grand Valley College in 1980.

DOUGLAS TENSEN – ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

Douglas Tensen, another 1980 alumnus, has also joined the admission counseling staff. A biology major/chemistry minor, Tensen was active in student senate, a capella choir, and soccer. He also was an R.A. and SCF vice president.

Tensen's area for admissions counseling will be South Dakota, Iowa, California and Arizona. Three months of the school year, he says, will be spent out West.



GLENN BAYERKOHLE – INSTRUCTOR IN BUSINESS

Glenn Bayerkohler teaches accounting courses in the business department. Born in Lakefield, Minn., Bayerkohler recently held an attorney position in Fairmont, Minn., with the Krahmer Law Office.

Bayerkohler says a big challenge for the 1980-81 school year is getting and organizing material for income taxation for integrating into his first semester courses.





NORMA MUILENBERG – ADMISSIONS SECRETARY

Norma Muilenberg, new admissions secretary at Northwestern College, graduated from NW in 1957 with a degree in elementary education. In 1978, Muilenberg completed nine years of teaching at Alton-St. Mary's school.

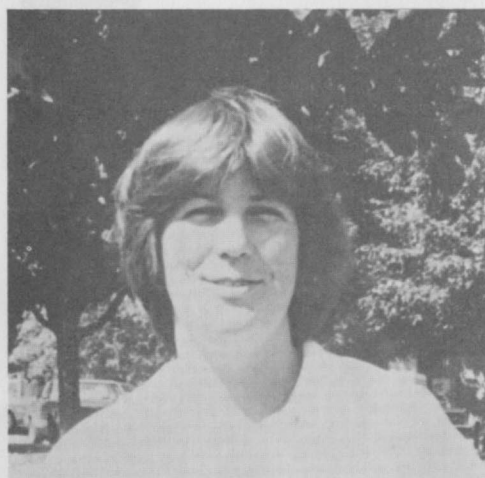
As admissions secretary, she helps in the admission and financial aid of students, especially in keeping records. She also supervises ten work-study aids in the admissions office.

JEFF TAYLOR – THEATRE AND SPEECH

Jeff Taylor joins the faculty as instructor of theatre and speech. Taylor was recently director of drama ministry for Campus Crusade for Christ in San Bernardino, Calif.

Taylor attended Dartmouth College and the University of Wisconsin, majoring in drama. He majored in theatre at Temple University, Philadelphia, and received his M.F.A. in 1971.

Serving as technical director of theatre and speech, Taylor teaches courses for theatre sets, lighting and related drama techniques.



JANICE NELSON – DIRECTOR OF HOSPERS HALL

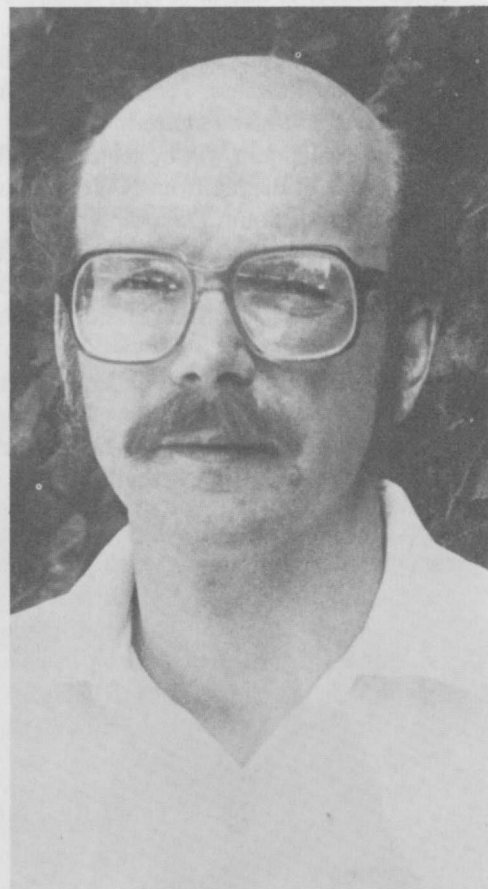
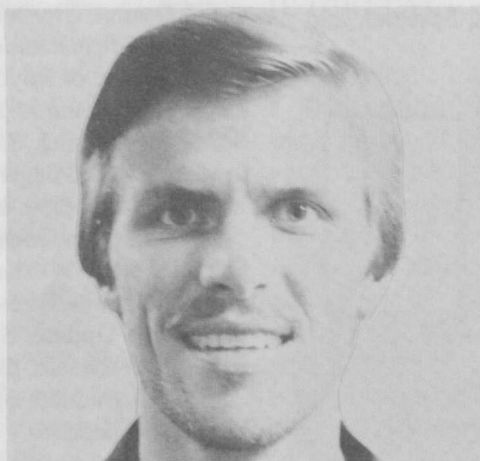
From Wayne, New Jersey, Janice Nelson joins the staff as resident director of Hospers Hall. She graduated in 1980 with a psychology major from King's College, Briar Cliff Manor, N.Y.

Nelson will be working with the student development office and the directors of other residence halls and off-campus housing. Her duties include counseling, working with R.A.'s in many situations and assisting women students one-to-one.

KENNETH HASSELER – ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL WORK

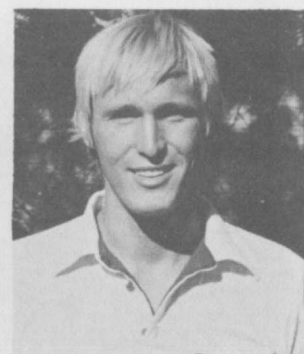
Kenneth Hasseler is assistant professor of social work. A 1975 Calvin graduate with a psychology major, Hasseler received his masters degree in social work from the University of Michigan.

Hasseler teaches two regular classes at the college and one field course class. He will be organizing the social work program and arranging field placement such as internships for social service agencies. He also works part-time as a Bethesda Midwest counselor.



PART-TIME FACULTY AND STAFF

Top right, Mike Meyer and Earl Woudstra; Second row, left to right, Lynda Sittser, Norma Jones, Brad Vermeer; Bottom left, Rebecca Noteboom; and bottom right, Rhonda Koele and Lavonne Nannenga.



Lynda Sittser is one of several lecturers serving part-time at Northwestern. Sittser received her B.A. in music from Hope College and her M.A. from the University of Southern California. Her husband, Jerry, is NW campus chaplain. Norma Jones will also lecture in music.

Rebecca Noteboom will be lecturing in library science. She has her B.S. degree from NWC and her M.A. from the University of South Dakota.

Dennis Wright is one of two new lecturers in education. He has a B.S. from Mankato State and an M.A. from Northwestern Missouri State. Jane Mueller will also lecture in education.

Quentin Hatfield is part-time lecturer in business/economics. Brad Vermeer is now head coach for men's golf, and new assistant coaches are Mike Meyers, baseball, and Earl Woudstra, men's basketball.



Rhonda Koele is director of the new health office located in the Rowenhorst Student Center. As a registered nurse, she works part-time as the college nurse and part-time at the Orange City hospital. She also teaches cardio-pulmonary resuscitation to the first semester first aid class.

A graduate of Boyden-Hull high school, Koele received her R.N. diploma in 1979 after three years at Saint Luke's School of Nursing, Sioux City. She continues to study toward her B.S. degree in nursing with classes at Northwestern to complete a program through Briar Cliff College.

Lavonne Nannenga, from Randolph, Wisc., has joined the publicity staff. Working part-time under the public relations department, she is responsible for weekly news releases and the college Update. She also assists in writing and layout for the Classic, the Insight, and other publications.

A 1980 graduate of Dordt College, Nannenga has a B.A. in Communications - Journalism/Radio. She worked two years as announcer/newscaster for KDCR-FM, Sioux Center.

YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL CHANGE

by Harold Heie, vice-president for academic affairs
Rev. Jerry Sittser, chaplain,
Jim Vandermeulen, dean of student life.

These three men presented a talk to parents during orientation weekend concerning the changes college will cause in both their lives as parents, and the lives of their children. Following is an adaptation of that talk.

College represents four formative years for students. They are transitional years, decision-making years, value-building years, growing-up years. Those who decide to attend college, and who complete their education, will never be the same. College students will change, whether they attend a major university or the smallest, most protected Bible college one can imagine. That is a frightening prospect. Once a son or daughter, brother or sister, friend or acquaintance leaves for college, he will return to his former environment as someone quite different, shaped by forces often beyond our control. We are hoping that by attending Northwestern these forces will exert a positive pressure. But never can we presume that this will necessarily be so.

I. CHANGES

What are some of the changes that will take place during these college years? There will be religious changes. Students will begin to question whether past traditions are valid expressions of faith or meaningless expressions of ritual, informed by Biblical insight or warped by personal prejudice. They may reject these traditions, and the faith to which they bore witness; or they may embrace them. They will certainly question them. They will also view the God of their religion with a critical eye. They will investigate to learn whether what the Bible says about Him bears up in experience, or whether it fails the test of experience. They will wonder about God. They will ask, "How can we resolve the problems of society with our knowledge of God's sovereignty, love and wisdom?" They will at the same time measure their understanding of God against the traditions of others who they formally had thought to be in error or totally heretical. By these forces, of traditions and religions and experiences, their faith may move to action, or it may become stagnant, eventually to be rejected altogether.

There will be relational changes. They will view authority with caution, perhaps even suspicion. Parents, too, will endure the scrutiny of students who must stumble through the change from viewing parents as persons of authority

to knowing them as friends. Peers will become their dominate influence, at least for awhile. Group opinion will overshadow a life of conviction.

There will be personal changes. They will travel that dangerous journey from self-discovery to self-acceptance, a journey which some never make. Whatever agony there is in learning to accept the self, it will be agony shared, or at least observed. They will be surrounded by people. They will also develop a criteria by which to evaluate themselves, much of this coming through experience. They will learn to make decisions, or decide not to make decisions at all. They will explore their abilities with greater intensity; and they will also discover, sometimes painfully their limits.

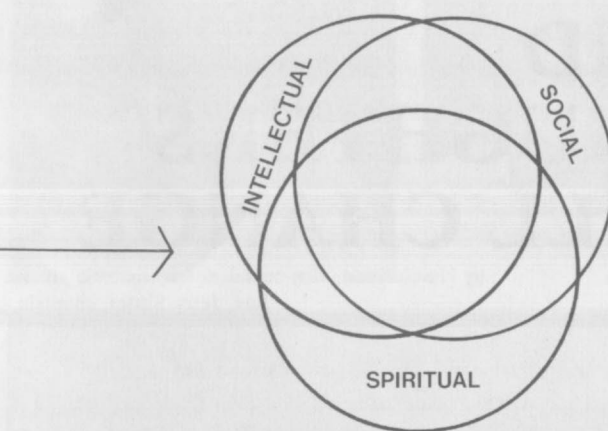
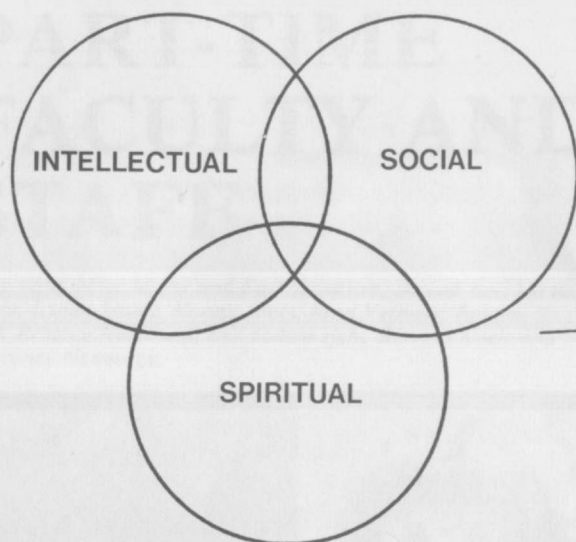
There will be moral changes. The moral options before them will multiply, as will the consequences of favoring one option over the other. They will make epochal decisions regarding values, decisions involving what kind of person they will want to be, what convictions they will want to form.

Finally there will be changes regarding the future. During college, many students will find their life partner. They will settle on a career. They will choose living locations. And they will form attitudes which will govern decisions they will later make in future years.

II. DIRECTING THE CHANGE

Compartmentalization —————> Integration

Students tend to compartmentalize the changes that take place in their lives during college years. Intellectual changes are thought to occur exclusively in the classroom, and the changes in understanding that result from classes in Biblical studies are viewed as unrelated to changes that result from studying "secular" disciplines. Spiritual changes are thought to take place solely as a result of chapel programs, residence hall Bible studies, or private devotions. And social changes are thought to take place during one's free time, outside of the context of classes and "spiritual programs." We reject such compartmentalization. Rather, we seek integration.



We seek to direct the changes taking place in our students in such a way that they integrate their intellectual, spiritual and social development. Three examples may help to illustrate this process of integration. We know of many students who live in two different worlds of knowledge that never meet: the world of understanding gained from study of the Bible, and the world of understanding gained from study of the academic disciplines. We try to wed these two worlds by seeking for interrelationships between them; searching for ways in which each world illuminates and enriches the other. We also know of a student who received the finest intellectual training in a prestigious Ivy League University, but who, when faced with the prospect of death in the Vietnam conflict confessed that he had never learned how to die. In stark contrast, we seek to develop a student's intellectual abilities in the context of questions about moral choice, the meaning of life and death and one's relationships to others and to God. Finally, we know many students who have a narrow view of worship as something that takes place exclusively during church services. Integration demands a bigger view of worship, one where everything one does is for the glory of God and is thus an act of worship (Colossians 3:23), even writing term papers or playing football. We seek to replace compartmentalized change by integrated change.

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Dependence —————> Responsibility

Students entering college are often characterized by attitudes of dependence. They are primarily “other-directed,” looking to parents, peers, and/or teachers for ready-made answers to questions and for total direction in decision-making. They are often passive learners absorbing the beliefs of others like a sponge, rarely questioning these beliefs. We view such passivity as immature.

We seek to direct the changes taking place in our students in such a way that they are brought from a posture of dependence to one of personal responsibility. Of course it is our intent and prayer that his development of independence will not lead to attempted autonomy, which is sin, but will lead to freely chosen expressions of love for God and service to others (Galatians 5:13). We seek to move our students from dependence to mature responsibility before God.

III SUPPORTING THE CHANGES

At Northwestern we are working together with parents to support your son or daughter during this time of dramatic change in their lives. Here are some suggestions we offer as your parent-child relationship matures.

Be an active listener. Give your son or daughter an opportunity to express the new ideas and experiences they are having. You may not agree with these new ideas but don't turn them off. Be tolerant, because in most cases their views and ideas will change several times during their college experience. It doesn't make sense to alienate each other over the first differences in their life views. Be patient, next week they will have a new idea.

Allow them to change and to develop their own identity. During the next few years your child will be gradually moving away from their identity as simply a member of your family and developing their own personal identity emotionally, spiritually and academically.

Emotionally they will be adjusting from the role of your son/daughter into their own personal identity. They will be redefining themselves in terms of who they are and not just by what they can do.

Spiritually they will have to sort out their own relationship with God. Up until this time they have participated in various religious functions as a member of your family. Now they may come to grips with how they will personally relate to God. Your child's relationship may be different than yours. Keep in mind that often this process of change takes place several different times before ideas are solidified. Don't alienate them if their religious views aren't the same as yours. Allow them to grow and change in spiritual maturity.

“Support the changes in your son/daughter's life through your own faith in God.”

Academically their minds will be stretched to include areas of study that may be completely foreign to you. Areas that you perceive as completely meaningless may eventually become their academic specialty. Accept their interest in academic areas as one of the primary reasons for their education. Do not become overly concerned about the utilitarian value of each course. Hopefully they are being shaped into becoming people in Christ, which is a difficult task to complete in measureable terms in a classroom. Develop

an attitude of openness to share in their unique educational experience.

This time of change will require a lot of patience on your part. Your son/daughter will identify to a greater or lesser extent as a member of the academic community and perceive themselves as your intellectual superior. Be patient, time will assist them back into the real mold. We are reminded of the story told by a college student of how incredibly dumb his parents were when he was a freshman. As his age progressed from 20 to 24, his parents became increasingly intelligent. Then, when he was 28, he decided that they were truly intelligent. Patience on your part will be very important in the building of a positive relationship with your son/daughter during their adult years.

We trust that you as parents will also change during your son/daughter's education at Northwestern. One of the changes that you will participate in is a role change from a parent playing a dominant directive part in their lives to a counselor/friend (mentor) as they progressively discover their own identity. Potentially this can be a very threatening change as many parents want to hold on and help as long as possible. Be sensitive to this important change in role and help to create an atmosphere in which you can talk as peers.

Support the changes in your son/daughter's life through your own faith in God. Prayerfully release your college age child into God's care. This isn't easy – it's extremely difficult to take your hands off a person that God had entrusted to your care for 17 and 18 years and by faith return that person to God during their difficult college years. This is one of the greatest tests of your faith as it will serve to strengthen your relationship with God as you intercede in prayer on behalf of your son/daughter. Trust God in prayer and He will reward your faith.



STANLEY VANDER AARDE: ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

by Lavonne Nannenga

Dr. Stanley Vander Aarde is Northwestern College's Alumnus of the Year, 1980. He is a medical missionary to southern India, serving in the city of Madanapelle since 1961.

Son of Christina and the late Bernard Vander Aarde of Orange City, Vander Aarde graduated from Northwestern Academy in 1949 and the Junior College in 1951. "As a junior or senior at the junior college I first became serious about entering mission work," Vander Aarde says. He especially acknowledges three NW instructors: the late Gertrude Stegeman, foreign language; Dr. Theora England, speech; and Ralph Mouw, math and calculus.

Vander Aarde received his B.S. from Hope College in 1953. He married, in 1956, Darlene DeBeer, a 1952 graduate of Northwestern Junior College. He graduated from Northwestern University, Illinois, Medical School in 1957 and completed his internship in 1958 at the Cook County Medical Center, Chicago.

As a captain in the U.S. Air Force, Vander Aarde served as senior doctor in the 343rd dispenser in Duluth, Minn., from 1959-60. In 1961 he took his family to the Indian mission field, serving through the Reformed Church, under the Church of South India, the Rayalaseema diocese.

Vander Aarde worked in general practice in the Marylott Lyles Hospital of Madanapelle in Andhrapradesh until 1966. Andhrapradesh is a state of nearly 80 million Telegu-speaking Indians. The population of the village of Madanapelle is about 36 thousand.

After studying near Chicago, 1966-1970, for otolaryngology, Vander Aarde has served as the only ear, nose, and throat surgeon for two districts (about five million people). His main work is in cancer surgery in the head and neck, and surgery for chronic draining of the ear.

Vander Aarde is medical superintendent of the Marylott Lyles Hospital with a staff of 150, and is director of the Arogyavaram Medical Center, a



380-bed tuberculosis center. The surgeon works with a total medical staff of 400, with bed accommodations for 600 patients.

Vander Aarde serves on many administrative bodies of the Rylaseema diocese in India. He is also on the governing body of the medical hospital and college of Vellore and is a member of the Rogyavaram Development Society, which administers funds for economic development. He says, "I administer West German, American, and English money, and I have much responsibility. I know I developed my administrative expertise as a commander in the U.S. Air Force."

Darlene Vande Aarde, his wife, is in charge of the 100-year-old SCI girls' high school and boarding school. She also is responsible for the Geeh nursery school, the elementary school, and the SCI Crecse School, all of Madanapelle - a total of 1200 students.

The Rylaseema diocese has two other hospitals, five high schools, one junior college, many elementary schools, and eleven boarding hostels. Eight day care feeding centers are also available.

Indian missions began in 1860. Vander Aarde says very few Reformed Church missionaries are left in India. Successful witness can be seen, how-

ever. Nearly 20 million Christians now live in India. The Church of South India, the largest denomination, has a membership of 2½ million. Madanapelle has 350 families who belong to the Church of South India.

The Vander Aardes are on a six-month furlough until February, 1981, after having served in India for 38 months without leave. During his leave, Vander Aarde is speaking coast to coast in America. He is also continuing his medical education to prepare for the coming three and a half years of mission work.

Vander Aarde's two sons, Paul and David, attended Northwestern College and are completing their degrees at schools offering extended courses in their fields. Paul majors in engineering at Iowa State, and David attends Westmar College, LeMars, with an industrial arts major. Debra is a freshman at NW, and Mary is a high school freshman.

The Vander Aardes are now living in the missionary house, and Vander Aarde says, "We still consider Orange City our home."

Formal recognition of Vander Aarde as Alumnus of the Year is part of homecoming activities on Saturday, Nov. 1.

JOHN AND ALDA SWART: 'PARENTS OF THE YEAR'

by Lori Sass

John and Alda Swart of Hingham, Wis. have had close ties with Northwestern College for the past 17 years. From the time of President Stegenga to Granberg to Rowenhorst to Radandt, the Swarts have become familiar with the college and its mission.

That's because John and Alda Swart, chosen as Northwestern's 1980 "Parents of the Year" have seen five of their six children attend Northwestern.

John and Alda appreciate the value of a sound education, so they encouraged each of their children to attend a Christian college. It began with their oldest son John who graduated from Hope College in 1964 with a degree in chemistry.

Alice, the Swarts' oldest daughter enrolled at Northwestern in 1963. In her sophomore year at the college, Alice passed away due to a sudden illness. The Swarts accepted the loss of their daughter as a part of God's divine plan. In time this trial strengthened John and Alda's faith and enabled them to relate to other parents who had lost children.

The Swart's bond with Northwestern continued as their second daughter Ann attended the school in 1966 and graduated four years later with certification in elementary education. Janice Swart was a 1972 graduate of Northwestern, earning a degree in secretarial science. Then came Pete who finished his education at the college in 1979, majoring in chemistry and biology. Currently Jim Swart is a junior at Northwestern. He's concentrating his work in biology.

A "Parents of the Year" contest is held annually at Northwestern as the development office of the college asks students to nominate their parents for the award. The Swarts formally received the award during "Parents' Day," Saturday, Sept. 27.

John is a retired carpenter and cabinet maker. He now is involved in the delicate skill of clockmaking. He also enjoys playing baritone in a local municipal band. John has served as elder and deacon in the Hingham Reformed Church.



Alda is active in church societies. She teaches Bible School in Hingham. For the past 14 years, John and Alda have been custodians of their church.

In their soon-to-be 40 years of marriage, the Swarts have found fulfillment and satisfaction. The six children made the marriage complete. "From watching them play basketball or become involved in music, to seeing them raise families of their own; the children were always a joy to us," Alda said.

Most important to the Swarts in bringing up their family has been the goal to instill Christian principles on the minds and hearts of the children. "Through example and direction we tried to lead them in a Christian walk of faith," John said.

"Starting them young with Bible and Sunday School lessons and having them grow up with such teachings was truly invaluable," Alda said. The Swarts believe that integrating your faith into every part of life is an ongoing process, a lifetime ambition. "Faith has become

a part of us, a part of our family," John and Alda said.

In nominating his parents for this award, Jim said, "My parents not only taught me the way to live according to God's Word, but they also showed me how to live by the way they lived their lives. The Bible says in Proverbs 22:6 - 'Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.' I'm happy to say that in our family this promise has been fulfilled."

Raising a family of six can be enough of a job on its own, but the Swarts have found time to devote to others, too. Whether it's an elderly friend, a lonely neighbor or an ill relative, John and Alda have tried to fill the needs of other people as best they can. Often such servanthood goes unrecognized, but it is never unappreciated.

Jim said, "My parents are quiet people with big hearts. They are constantly helping people in any way they can. I thank God for what they've done for others and for me in the name of the Lord."

NEWS BRIEFS

OLD ANNUALS AVAILABLE

The Alumni Office has available a limited number of yearbooks from the years 1969 through 1976. If you would like one, send name, address and \$1.00 to the Alumni Office, Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa 51041.

SIX NEW TRUSTEES

Six new Board of Trustee members were received this spring.

Appointed by the Board to fill terms of retiring members were John M. Fakkema of Oak Harbor, Wash., Ron Stubbs of Bondurant, and Frank Vogel of Orange City.

Appointed by their classis were Roland Arnell of Glenwood, Ill. for the Illiana classis and Rev. William D. Young of Rock Rapids for the West Sioux classis.

Doug Van Berkum of Sheldon will represent the alumni board.

GRANT FOR NUTRITION COURSE

Northwestern has received a federal grant through the state education agency to support a course offering "depth in nutrition" for elementary and junior high teachers in Northwest Iowa.

The course will consist of ten sessions. It began September 22. Glen Hegstad, associate professor of biology, is director of the course.

GRANT RENEWED

Northwestern received \$149,000 in federal funds as an extension of the Strengthening Developing Institutions program. This is the second year the college has received a grant through this program.

The funds will be used in four major areas: administration and fiscal management, student services, curriculum, and faculty development.

Don Vander Stoep, director of the Call to Commitment, is coordinator of the grant, with Alan Cureton, Heemstra Hall director, assistant.

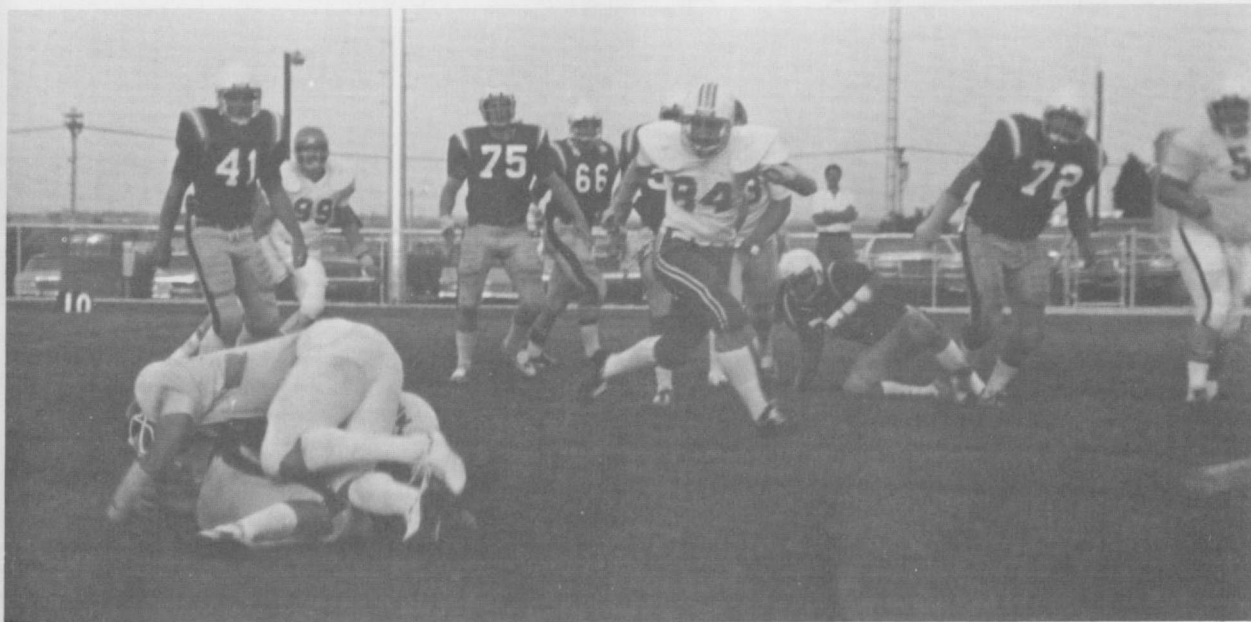
NATIONAL ALUMNI BOARD FORMED

A National Alumni Board has been formed. The first meeting was held Sept. 26 & 27 on campus.

The board consists of 30 members. Eighteen formerly served as the Area Alumni Board, now called the Central Committee. Officers will serve as the board's executive committee. The additional twelve were chosen from area chapters nationwide. Members are elected to 3-year terms.

The Alumni Association is an effort to unite all Northwestern alumni in efforts to uphold the college and its ideals. It also provides more effective communication among alumni. Members include graduates and all persons who have attended Northwestern for at least one semester and are no longer enrolled.

The National Alumni Board will meet once a year, and the Central Committee will meet at least four times a year.



A scene from the alumni game.

ALUMNI GAME

The alumni football game encounter on Saturday, Aug. 30, ended in a score of 30-22, with the varsity coming out on top. Fifty alumni players turned out for the game.

Last year's quarterback Galen Kaemingk '80, stole the show for the alumni while Kelly Kruger was the dominant force for the varsity. Kaemingk threw for two touchdowns and ran for another. Kruger ran for a touchdown and accumulated 103 yards in seven carries.

During halftime of the encounter the first annual alumni cross country run was held. A total of 21 men competed, 11 from the varsity and ten alumni. Freshman Donley Hoogeveen won the 1500 meter run with alumni Pete Stevensen '78 and Doug Tjeerdsma '79 placing third and fourth.

CAMPUS GUESTS

Dr. Barbara Fassler led a faculty workshop on student writing Aug. 21. She is a consultant in the area of writing and former director of the nationally recognized writing program at Central College, Pella.

Loren Doppenberg exhibited his drawings and commercial illustrations in the Te Paske Gallery during the month of September. He is an editorial illustrator for the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

Dr. Martin E. Marty, church historian and theologian, presented a lecture and two chapel services on September 8 and 9. Marty spoke on "Breathing Holes for the Human Spirit", "There is a New World", and "The Temptations of the Tribe and the City; American Religion Between Fundamentalism and Relativism".

RADANDT NAMED TO RCA BOARD

President Friedhelm Radandt has been named to the Board of Theological Education of the Reformed Church in America.

This appointment was made through an election of the General Synod, the Reformed Church in America's governing body.

The board is a board of trustees for both Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich., and New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, N.J.

RESIDENCE HALL RECEIVES GO AHEAD

Northwestern College will build a new residence hall this fall. According to President Friedhelm Radandt, "bids will be let as soon as possible. We hope to start building in October."

The new hall will house 90 students. The location is west of Heemstra Hall on the northeast corner of Arizona Avenue and Seventh Street.

In making the decision the president and board of trustees considered the current record enrollment that has taxed Northwestern's residence capacity to its maximum and future enrollment trends that predict Northwestern's student body's continual growth.

THEATRE PATRONS A PLUS

Two years ago Earle and Alice Douglas of Orange City gathered together some friends interested in theatre and organized a group soon known as the Northwestern College Theatre Patrons.

That group now numbers nearly 200 and has purchased equipment and services not included in the theatre and speech department's budget.

During 1979-80 the patrons commissioned Bill Tolman of Tolman Manufacturing in Orange City to build a pulley system to raise and lower the lights above the stage. Cost for this "winch" system was approximately \$1,800, contributed by patron membership.

The patrons purchased a piano for the Playhouse and financed the visits of the choreographer and costumer for the fall production, "Pippin."

They also saw that a new water cooler was installed in the Playhouse's lounge area. Patrons didn't forget the student actors; several members made sure that busy rehearsals included refreshments.

This fall they are financing the visit of a playwright on campus to assist in the production of a new play.

The group also plans a few events for itself. Each fall it sponsors a dinner for the members and in the spring some travel to Omaha to see a dramatic production.

New board members this fall are Glen and Carolyn De Zeeuw, Bill and Ellen Johnson, and John and Phyllis Rensink. They replace Norm and Carol Bastemeyer, Art and Shirley Vogel and Paul and Marilyn Vander Kooi, all of Orange City.

A drive for new theatre patrons was conducted this fall.

Alumni News

- '17** Cornelius Kuipers is serving as interim pastor at Crownpoint, NM, his 24th interim assignment since retiring in 1965.
- '26** E. J. G. Bloemendaal and Mrs. Bloemendaal recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Orange City. Dr. Bloemendaal has been practicing dentistry since 1941. They are the parents of three NW alums, Jack '60, Mary '68, and Jan '76.
- '34** Albert F. Mansen serves as part time assistant at the Forest Grove Reformed Church of Hudsonville, MI. Albert has been a minister in the Reformed Church of America since 1939, having served churches in Michigan and Wisconsin, most recently in Charlevoix, MI. Anna Rylaarsdam Lotterman, a widow of 30 years, enjoys life putting about on her farm. She is presently having a new home built on a remote part of her farm property in Chandler, MN.
- '35** Donald Dell, superintendent of Paullina Schools for 23 years, retired recently and plans to continue living in Paullina.
- '38** Henry Heusinkveld of Anaheim, CA, has written a book entitled "The Corner Post" which contains the memoirs of the Dick Heusinkveld family as they grew up on a farm near Hull, IA. The book has contributions also from Henry's brothers and sisters: Harriet '34, George '36, Myron '40, Willis '43, and Frances '44. The book presents a poignant yet humorous account of farm and rural school life during depression of the 30's, family solidarity, high school and Northwestern College days. The book has 230 pages and 140 photographs. Copies are available for \$15 from Dick Dykstra, Hull, or from Harriet Heusinkveld, Central College, Pella, IA 50219.
- '44** Jean Hietbrink Scholten works during the college year as an R.N. at South Dakota State University. She has six grandsons and one granddaughter. Her husband Tony is a rural mail carrier after 28 years in law enforcement.
- '46** Warren Hietbrink, Pastor of Thorn Creek Reformed Church of South Holland, IL, received the Doctor of Ministry degree Cum Laude from Trinity Theological Divinity School on June 13, 1980. Dr. Hietbrink currently serves on NW's Board of Trustees.
- '49** Franklin Vogel, President of Diamond Vogel Paint Co., concluded the current fiscal year as a member of the manufacturers advisory committee for the Iowa College Foundation of which NW college is also a member.
- '51** Stanley and Darlene (De Beer '52) Vander Aarde of Madanapalle, India, are spending five months in the States with headquarters in Orange City, IA where Stan and Darlene's parents reside.
- '53** Don and Nelva (Roetman) Schreur won an international costume contest in Toronto, Ontario, representing Orange City at the International Municipal Clerks Institute last May. They were among 75 contestants in the costume judging event which was attended by 1,200 people from nearly every state. After the judging, Don gave a presentation about Orange City and its people. Don is the City Clerk of Orange City.
- '58** Marvin Foreman was promoted to program administrator at Autonetics Division of Rockwell International at Anaheim, CA in August, 1980.
- '59** Roger Roghair was promoted to the position of Sales Coordinator at K-Products Inc. in Orange City. Roghair has been National Account Representative with the company since 1975. In his new position he will work directly with the company's sales management and sales staff. Following an enlistment in the U.S. Navy, Roger owned Rog's Roost Drive-In, worked for Evangel Aircraft for five years and later owned and managed the Handyman Hardware in Orange City. Mrs. Roghair is the former Margaret Vogel ('59). Marilyn Kollenbrander Vander Kooi is serving a one year term as library administrator at the Public Library in Orange City during the absence of Dorothy Weiss who is in California while her husband Ray Weiss (former chaplain and dean of students at NW) is on a sabbatical. Marilyn attended NW Junior College for two years and earned her B.A. degree in elementary education at Central College. She taught in Roseville, MN for three years and one year at M-OC. Marilyn has been working at the library as a volunteer for the past year. Her husband is Dr. Paul Vander Kooi and they are the parents of two daughters.
- '62** Allan C. Schimmel was elected corporate secretary and assistant to the chairman of Consolidated Rail Corporation. Formerly, Schimmel served as executive director-staff studies for Conrail. Prior to joining Conrail in 1976 as director of federal relations in Washington, he was assistant vice president - Congressional Affairs for the United States Railway Association.
- '64** Virgil Haverdink of Ankeny, IA was recently honored by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. He was named the Iowa Young Engineer of the Year in February at a gathering in Waterloo and in April he received the Mid-Central Young Engineer of the Year award at a convention in St. Joseph, MO. Virgil has been appointed project engineer in the grain division at John Deere Des Moines Works. He has responsibility for grinder mixers, stack wagons, corn pickers and some other experimental equipment. He joined the John Deere organization in 1964 at the technical center in Moline, IL. He went to Des Moines after completing his graduate work at Iowa State University. He has patents on various machines with John Deere. Robert Milioti has been employed by the U.S. Treasury Department, Bureau of Customs as a food and drug officer since 1965.
- '65** Celeste Hubert has been Mrs. Daniel Grabowski since October 1979. She and her husband live in Gary, IN. David and Janice (Edwards) Korver have moved to McMinnville, OR where Dave opened a new optometry practice. Prior to this, Dave was an advisor to Optometry students at Pacific University School of Optometry in Forest Grove, OR. Don Kraai, employed by the National Motor Club of America, was recently awarded one of his company's highest honors, the "Most New Members" Awards. He received the award for enrolling 1,862 new members in the Club during 1979, a record setting accomplishment for the firm. Don formerly taught mathematics at Dakota Wesleyan at Mitchell, SD. Mrs. Kraai is the former Geraldine Ter Horst ('62). Leland Foreman graduated from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 17, 1980 with honors and the Master of Religious

Education degree. He is now employed as assistant pastor at the First Baptist Church in Leavenworth, KS with main responsibilities in music, youth education and bus ministry. Leland and his wife, the former Jean Palsma ('67) are the parents of two sons, Joel and Daniel. Les Douma has accepted the basketball coaching position at Westmar College, LeMars, IA. He formerly served in an administrative and coaching position at Sheldon High School.

'66 Dennis and Sylvia (Roghair '69) Van Zee have started a sheep feedlot just outside Sioux Falls, SD.

'68 James Bolluyt was promoted to assistant professor in the department of Freshman Engineering at I.S.U. and recently completed his M.S. in structural engineering. Jim's wife is the former Karen Van Steenwyk ('67).

Sherye De Boer has been Mrs. Richard M. Ayres since 1977. Sherye taught high school math for 12 years and also worked with drug addicts. Her husband owns a business selling custom designed packaging materials. They are parents of a daughter Danielle.

Henrietta De Jong has been working for the North Orange County Community College District, Fullerton, CA as an adult education instructor. She travels to various convalescent and retirement homes leading exercise classes for senior citizens.

Kella Klinker Simonin is working on a Ph.D. in Theatre at Louisiana State University. Her husband Chuck has been promoted to Lab Supervisor at AIKCO.

Robert Schwander accepted a call to the First Reformed Church of Ireton, IA after serving as pastor of the Jay Gould Memorial Church at Roxbury, NY since 1977.

Dean and Shirley (Noteboom) Van Peurse currently live at Platte, SD. Dean is manager of the National Bank of South Dakota, Corsica Branch. Shirley does substitute teaching and serves as a church organist. The Van Peursems are parents of an eight year old daughter Tonya.

'69 Duane Haack, executive director of the Northwest Iowa Work Activity Center in Sheldon, has been appointed to serve on the Executive Board of Directors of the Iowa Association of Rehabilitation Facilities in the State of Iowa.

Dianne Koskamp Liebenstein serves as a secretary at Maranatha Christian School and is church secretary for Bloomington First Assembly of God Church in Normal, IL. She and her husband Gerald are the parents of Sarah, 6, and Michael, 4.

Don Rens, an electrical engineer for Northern States Power Company, has been promoted to the position of Superintendent of Engineering at the Blackdog plant in Burnsville, MN. Don is a graduate of Iowa State University. He and his wife, the former Arlys Pannkuk, have two children Elise, and Curtis. Don and Arlys are both active members at Peace Reformed Church, Eagan, MN.

'70 Harry Tysen was the subject of a feature story in the March 22 issue of the Cedar Rapids Gazette, an article focusing on his responsibilities as chaplain for the Linn County Jail. He is based at St. Luke's Hospital and has hospital duties as well. Harry is married to the former Linda Aalberts.

Harlan Peuse was awarded the Ph.D degree in international agricultural education at the University of Illinois in Urbana. He will become assistant professor of international agricultural education at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University at Greensboro.

Harlan attended NW for one year and completed his B.A. in English at the University of Iowa. He joined the Peace Corps after graduation to serve as agricultural extension agent in poultry and swine production in Cameroon, West Africa. In August, Dr. Peuse will depart for Tanzania, East Africa as a faculty member of North Carolina A & T State University. He will join a team of Swedish scientists in researching problems in agriculture extension and production in the southern highlands of Tanzania. He plans to remain there until 1982 before assuming regular teaching and research duties in the United States.

'71 Bryan and Robert ('69) Boonstra Jr. with their father Robert Boonstra Sr., have opened an appliance center in Orange City along with their vacuum cleaner and water conditioner business.

Judith Thomas Stumpf worked as a medical technologist for four years after graduation and is now temporarily retired as a homemaker and mother of two children.

Jeane Daane Miller lives with her family in Kingston, WI. The Millers are the parents of Reggie, 5, and Bree, age 2.

Linda Post Gross is a first grade teacher at Arey Elementary School at Fort Dodge. This is her 10th year in the teaching field.

Dale Paulson is a rancher in North Central Nebraska raising simmental cattle. Dale is married to the former Ruth Bligh and they are the parents of Tera, 3, and Margo, 2.

'72 Mary Reinders teaches 5th and 6th grade reading at the Floyd Valley Schools in Newkirk.

Reginald (Kadakalath) Joules is currently working for the U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center as an Operations Research Analyst and pursuing an MBA in Finance and Operations Research at Indiana University. Reginald and Usha, married in 1974, are the parents of two daughters, Shaalon and Nasheel.

'73 Rhonda Hospers Wiley is in her 6th year as manager of Design Two in Fort Dodge, a shop specializing in contemporary tabletop accessories. Her husband Keith manages "Farmers' Hotline", an advertising publication for many industries.

Don Gordon Bloemendaal, after serving a pastorate in Alexander, IA, recently accepted a call to become pastor of the First Reformed Church of Rock Valley, IA. Don is married to the former Barbara Hellinga ('57). John Steunenberg was named "Barbershopper of the Year" by the Siouxland Barbershop Chorus. He is a charter member of the group organized three years ago. John teaches special education classes in the Sioux City School system.

Deborah De Haan is a medical records administrator in Portland, OR. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Del De Haan ('48) of Orange City. Craig Van Kley is teaching math and serving as junior varsity basketball coach at Storm Lake Public School. Craig's wife is the former Sharon Ubben '74. Craig and Sharon formerly taught at George, IA. Paula Muyskens Gagne received a Ph.D. degree in psychology recently from Northwestern University at Evanston, IL. She had completed additional graduate work at the Universities of Wyoming and Illinois. Paula, her husband Robert and daughter Jessica live in Chicago, IL.

'74 Michael Arndt earned the MBA degree at Drake University in 1978 and is presently employed by Hess & Lim Inc., a consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

Kenneth Bahrke earned an M.A. degree in Health, Physical Education & Recreation at the University of SD in July, '80.

Charles Winterboer was named 1980 Teacher of the Year at Adel High School. The selection was determined by a vote of the student body. Prior to his duties at Adel, Winterboer served as junior high music and math instructor at Sheldon. Mrs. Winterboer is the former Jean Jones '75.

Allan De Graaf received the MA degree in Special Education at USD in July, 1980.

Stan Mc Dowell received the MA degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from USD in July, 1980.

David Markus is engaged in farming with his father in Corsica, SD. He is married to the former Mary Ellwein, a graduate of SDSU with a degree in Child Development - Early Education. David and Mary are involved in youth work in their local church.

David Hector earned the MA degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation this past summer at USD in Vermillion.

Linda Meyer Nielsen is beginning her seventh year as a teacher at the Akron Community School. The Nielsens are the parents of a son, Luke.

Tim Nelson received his M.A. degree in School Counseling and Human Development from the University of Iowa last May. Tim and Ruth Van Roekel Nelson moved to Dysart where Tim is Guidance Counselor at Dysart-Geneseo Community School. Ruth is teaching 5th grade at Belle Plaine Community Schools. Before moving to Dysart, the Nelsons lived at Marengo.

'75 Dianne Scholten has been Mrs. Tim White since August, 1978.

They lived at Anthon for two years where Dianne taught 3rd grade and this summer they moved to Oakland, IA where Tim is farming. Philip Vander Laan is married to the former Carolyn Bean of Austin, TX. Phil began teaching in the Shertz-Cibalo School System in San Marcos, TX. He formerly was employed with the Brown Private School, San Marcos, working with emotionally disturbed students. His wife, Carolyn, is attending Southwest Texas State University majoring in speech pathology.

Doug Moret spent the last three years in the Caribbean with the U.S. Navy flying helicopters and attack jet trainers. In June he was promoted to full Lieutenant and assigned to the aircraft USS Midway as search and rescue helicopter pilot. The USS Midway is homeported in Japan and deploys to Western Pacific and Indian Oceans including the Persian Gulf.

Bruce E. Jensen is in his fourth year teaching at Moulton, IA as a departmentalized 5th & 6th grade instructor. He was recently elected secretary for ISEA South Central UNI to serve Unit 8. Bruce is married to the former Glenda Burns, also a teacher at Moulton.

'76 Linda Leslie, formerly working on the Admissions staff at NW, is now a Residence Life Coordinator in Hill Hall at Seattle Pacific University in Washington.

Mark G. Poppen, a recent graduate of Western Theological Seminary, serves as associate pastor at the Lakeland Reformed Church, Vicksburg, MI. Jean Gouwens Poppen received her B.A. degree at Hope College in December '79.

Tony Weiler is teaching at Halbur-Templeton-Roselle School in Templeton. He is also coaching baseball at Carroll High School in Carroll, IA.

Gary Vetter is a research technician for Pioneer International Hybred

in Johnston. Dawn Lindstrom Vetter is teaching at Ruby Van Meter School of Special Education in Des Moines. They recently became the parents of a daughter Jacilyn Verdene.

Marilyn Denekas, business education teacher at Maurice-Orange City High School, was honored as one of five business educators to be initiated as members of Delta Phi Epsilon, a national honorary professional graduate fraternity in business education. The initiation was held on June 26 at the annual summer banquet of Alpha Tau chapter (UNI) of DPE in Waterloo, IA.

'77 Daniel De Koter, a recent graduate of the University of Iowa School of Law, began practicing law in June with Corcoran, Skiver and Zito of Sibley, IA. After attending NW for a year, Dan completed his undergraduate degree at Calvin College. Dan and his wife, Brenda, are the parents of two children, Andrea and Lindsay. Dave Ritsema and Linda Vander Maten ('78) are living in Iowa City where Linda has entered the M.A. program in Counselor Education at the University.

Brian Den Beste was awarded the Doctor of Optometry degree (O.D.) by the Illinois College of Optometry on May 25. While attending the Illinois school, Brian served as president of the Iowa Club and was a member of Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society, Contact Lens Society, and Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity.

Susan Den Herder has left for Bahrain on the Arabian Gulf to begin her assignment with the mission school there. She will teach English to upper elementary students at Reja School which has about 500 students, K - 9, most of whom are Muslim. Sue spent the last school year taking special mission training at Selly Oak Colleges in Birmingham, England. After graduation from NW, she worked as a teacher's aide and attended the State University of New York for special training in education.

Brenda Ekdom teaches pre-school special education classes at Dubuque, IA.

Kerry Lamb is a programmer/analyst for Westinghouse Credit Corp. She recently spent five weeks in Puerto Rico completing a year long pilot in Distributed Data Processing.

Ted George graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery in June, 1980 and he is now serving a one year internship at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital located in the Detroit, MI area.

Linda Donaldson was recently promoted to a position as Bank Examiner III with headquarters in LeMars.

Lori Hoffman is a teacher - coach at College Heights Christian School in Joplin, MO. She formerly taught at Alta, IA.

Greg Beernink, after teaching science for three years at Schaller, is currently pursuing a dental career at the University of Iowa School of Dentistry. This past summer he studied at Creighton University in Omaha. Linda Nichols Beernink ('79) attended Iowa Central Community College in a dental assistant program during the fall semester of 1979.

As an added note of interest - on Linda's first day of finals, she gave birth to a daughter Angela and achieved a 4.0 for the semester!

Blair Vogel recently graduated from Creighton Law School at Omaha and has a position at Diamond Vogel Paint Company in Burlington, IA.

'78 Phil and Julie (Greving '80) Moss have joined Athletes in Action, a part of Campus Crusade. They spent six weeks at Ft. Collins, CO in preparation for an assignment, either as part of a basketball team

or as a position in public relations or speaking at athletic seminars. Tom Noteboom III works for the city of Estherville as city clerk/finance officer.

Byron Sikma is employed as a salesman for Ford-Iroquois F.S. Inc. He lives at St. Anne, IL with his family which includes a son, Marc Robert.

Scott Van Zyl received a promotion to Programmer II for Mutual of Omaha. Mark Heijerman is a second year student at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Richard Dykstra, a senior at New Brunswick Theological Seminary recently married Carol Ann Little, a graduate of Westminster Choir College at Princeton, NJ. Carol is employed as a secretary.

Karl Dorr is a field salesman for the Western Company of North America, the Williston Basin Office at Sidney, MT.

Michele Kladder became Mrs. Gary Drska in 1977 and presently lives in North Riverside, IL. Her husband is a pilot for Air Wisconsin.

Rodney Drenth is pursuing graduate work at Montana State University in Bozeman. For the past two years he was a computer programmer for Heico, Mendota, IL.

Douglas De Haan and his family are living in Orange City where Doug is employed by the elevator.

Kevin Pottorff was a recent recipient of the Ival Arthur Merchant Award from the College of Veterinary Medicine at ISU, Ames.

Verlyn and Suzan (Mol '79) Boone moved to Holland, MI this past summer where Verlyn will become a first year student at Western Theological Seminary.

'79 Mary Hight is attending graduate school at Azusa Pacific College in California where she plans to complete her M.A. in social development. Last year Mary worked at NW College as the off-campus residence director.

Kevin Swalley is employed as a CPA with Mosebach, Griffith & Co. at Grundy Center, IA.

Orvin Otten is teaching and coaching at the West Sioux Community School in Hawarden.

Kendra Rohlk is working on her master's degree in Biometry at the University of Arkansas Medical School. She has an assistantship for Research in Arthritis.

Donna Westra teaches pre-school special education classes at Merville, IA.

Kim Svoboda is working as district manager of circulation for the Daily Nonpareil newspaper in Council Bluffs, IA.

Wayne Westenberg teaches junior high math and coaches junior high track and girls' volleyball and basketball at Sanborn. The Westenbergs are the parents of a daughter Maria Dione.

Jamie Beers is an activities director at a nursing home in Norwalk, IA.

Doug Vander Berg has been admitted to the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago beginning with the fall semester.

Bruce Held who served for one year at Hinton High School as junior varsity football and basketball coach, has advanced to head coach on a part-time basis. During the rest of the time he will be farming with his father at Hinton. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Held (Barbara Gaalswyk '77) are the parents of a daughter Niki.

Ruth Bakker entered Iowa State University Veterinarian School

in the fall of 1980. She spent the past year at NW taking additional courses in her major area.

Paul Delger is attending Northeast Louisiana University as a graduate assistant in sports information.

'80 Kevin Boote received a degree in Farm Operation from ISU last May.

Barbara Weiss Romkema received a fifth place fiction award in the Evangelical Press Association's Higher Goals in Christian journalism competition. Her story, "The Visit", which appeared in HIS magazine, was selected by the magazine as their fiction entry in the competition.

The story dealt on Mary's, the Mother of Jesus, feelings from the time the angel visited her announcing that she would have a son until her visit to Elizabeth. Barb wrote the story as an assignment in a creative writing course. Barb, her husband Jim Romkema '82, and their son Craig, moved to Ames where Jim plans to enter Iowa State University.

David Janssen assumed the district executive position of District 3 of Prairie Gold area council of Boy Scouts of America with headquarters in Storm Lake. He received training for the position at Homer, NE and Arlington, TX during the summer.

Wanda Boote earned a degree in distributed studies at ISU last May. Dennis Ten Clay is a loan officer at Production Credit Association in Sheldon.

Nancy Schoep was accepted at the University of Minnesota School of Law beginning the fall semester. She and husband Arvin ('78) moved to Minneapolis where Arvin is employed with the Nott Company. The Schoeps are the parents of two children.

'83 Alicia Punt serves as secretary for the Particular Synod of the West in the office of Rev. Albert Ten Clay located at NW College.



IDENTIFY ALUMNI

The picture shows the members of the Northwestern Classical Debating Team and their coach, Miss Margaret Blackburn. Class of '31 or '32. Back Row: Anna Rylaarsdam, Miss Blackburn, Betty Aardappel. Front Row: Howard Duven, Bennet Lee Brink, Sydney Vande Lune and Bernard De Cook.

The picture was identified by Esther Duven Aalberts, Josie Harmelink, Margaret De Jong Vander Wel, Anna Rylaarsdam Lotterman, Albert F. Mansen, Harriet Heusinkveld, Nelly De Vries Straks and Sydney Vande Lune.

The picture brought back memories, both happy and sad. Margaret Blackburn, the debate coach was drowned at Lake Okoboji along with four other Academy students, Wilmina and Vera Muilenburg, Elsie Herwynen and Wilma Duimstra. Apparently one had lost her footing on a rocky reef and the others went to rescue her.

Our next photo shows five Northwestern coeds posing in front of some campus greenery. Can you name them? Write to the Alumni Office, Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa 51041.



BIRTHS

- Mr. ('73) and Mrs. Gary Dorhout (Joanne Gaalwyk '71)
Son - David Lee
- Mr. ('70) and Mrs. Glenn Van Der Vliet
Daughter - Kathy Jennelle
- Mr. ('63) and Mrs. Clifford Korver (Geneva Van Engen '60)
Daughter - Julie Marie
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Ayres (Sherye De Boer '68)
Daughter - Danielle Nichole
- Mr. ('77) and Mrs. Greg Beernink (Linda Nichols '79)
Daughter - Angela Rae
- Mr. ('68) and Mrs. James Bolluyt (Karen Van Steenwyk '67)
Son - Benjamin James
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Drska (Michelle Kladder '78)
Daughter - Melissa Kristin
- Mr. and Mrs. Kent Dornink (Judith Te Kolste '74)
Daughter - Alissa Lee
- Mr. and Mrs. George Gross (Linda Post '71)
Daughter - Marci Lynn. Joins brother Michael, age 3.
- Mr. ('73) and Mrs. James W. Jones
Daughter - Emily Marie. Joins brothers Chad & Monte.
- Mr. and Mrs. David Moore (Carla Kjorness '77)
Daughter - Bethany Marie
- Mr. ('78) and Mrs. Thomas Noteboom II
Daughter - Nicole Marie
- Mr. ('69) and Mrs. Ronald Rensink (Kerry Korthals '71)
Son - Jonathan R. Joins sister Rachel, 4 years.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tim White (Dianne Scholten '75)
Daughter - Amy Lynn
- Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Thompson (Minda Harmelink '78)
Twin Daughters - Beti Ellen and Beth Elaine
- Mr. ('73) and Mrs. Craig Van Kley (Sharon Ubben '74)
Son - Chad Jonathan
- Mr. ('78) and Mrs. Scott Van Zyl
Daughter - Sarah Michelle
- Mr. ('76) and Mrs. Gary Vetter (Dawn Lindstrom '77)
Daughter - Jacilyn Verdene
- Mr. ('72) and Mrs. Marvin Wynia (Esther Reynen '72)
Daughter - Linda Sue
- Mr. and Mrs. Milton Zaagman (Mary Dornbos '70)
Son - David William
- Mr. ('69) and Mrs. Barry Meylink (Lea Kroese '69)
Daughter - Kelli Linn
- Mr. ('78) and Mrs. Galen De Bey
Son -
- Mr. ('78) and Mrs. Robert Ahrenstorff
Daughter - Natalie Jean

Mr. ('82) and Mrs. James Romkema (Barbara Weiss '80)
 Son - Craig James

Mr. ('75) and Mrs. Veryln Hemmen (Kaylene Van Dyke '74)
 Daughter - Heide Jo. Joins brother Kirk 2½.

Mr. ('68) and Mrs. Thomas Mc Ilroy (Delores Olthof '68)
 Son - Thomas Charles Jr. Joins Tricia 6 and Timmy 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sandbulte (Lorraine Bruxvoort '74)
 Daughter - Stephanie Ann

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vander Velde (Nancy Truitt '74)
 Daughter - Julie Anna. Joins sister Kambria 2½.

Mr. ('73) and Mrs. Carl Moss (Nancy Muilenburg '73)
 Son - Curtis Randall

Mr. ('71) and Mrs. Gary Hofmeyer
 Son - Erik Ryan

Mr. ('74) and Mrs. Tom Rieck
 Daughter - Christina Ann

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grien (Ardis Mouw '70)
 Daughter - Elizabeth Ann

Mr. ('82) and Mrs. David Harmelink
 Son - David James

Mr. ('69) and Mrs. Darwin De Vries (Mary Vande Weerd '70)
 Son - Wade Evan

Mr. ('72) and Mrs. James Johnson (Peggy Powell '73)
 Daughter - Megan Elizabeth. Joins sister Jenny Jo.

Mr. ('72) and Mrs. Kim Spradling (Carol Blom '72)
 Son - Ian Wiley

Mr. ('73) and Mrs. Roger Kempers
 Son

Mr. ('78) and Mrs. Herman Vink Jr.
 Daughter - Rachel Danielle

Mr. ('77) and Mrs. Ron Heimgartner
 Son - Nathan William

Mr. ('67) and Mrs. Marvin Muilenburg (Francine Vander Stoep '69)
 Daughter - Lacey Diane - by adoption

Mr. ('72) and Mrs. Dan Bogaard (Betty Vanden Hul '76)
 Son - Nicolas Tyler

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Vermaat (Debra Cleveringa '80)
 Son - Blake Adam

Mr. ('75) and Mrs. Dennis Hietbrink (Linda Van Dyke '77)
 Son - Paul Steven. Joins brother Eric 2½.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grooters (Lynn Smit '73)
 Daughter - Alyssa Ann

Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman (Myra De Jong '73)
 Son - Ryan Matthew

Mr. ('77) and Mrs. Blair Vogel (Deborah Strand '76)
 Daughter - Amy Lynn. Joins brother Ian David.

NECROLOGY

Charleen Korver ('47) Grove died at her home in Case Grande, AZ in May, 1980 after a long illness. Her husband James graduated from NW Junior College in '49. She was the daughter of the late William Korver and Mrs. Birdella (De Cook '22) Korver who lives in Orange City.

Betty (Aardappel '34) Van Kley passed away August 14 at the age of 65 after a long illness. Her home was in Grand Rapids, MI. Betty, who was an Academy graduate of '32 and Junior College graduate '34, taught school for over 45 years in Sioux County and later at Seymour Christian School in Grand Rapids.

MARRIAGES

John De Wall ('79) and Katherine Shimon
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 Brenda Van Gorp ('80) and Dan Schiebout
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